



Act for a Day of Publique Thanksgiving to be observed throughout *England and Wales*,
on *Thursday* the First of *November*, 1649.

Together with a DECLARATION of the Grounds thereof.

THe great and wonderful Providences, wherein the Lord hath eminently gone forth in mercy towards this Nation, have been such, that however many do shut their eyes, or murmur against them, or at least refuse to joyn in Publique Acknowledgements, and Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the same; Nevertheless, the Lord hath been pleased to publish to all the world, That it is the work of his own hand: Nor hath his infinite goodness and favor been restrained to *England* onely, but extended to *Ireland*, which he hath been pleased to remember in its low estate; and when his People there were as dry bones, He hath not onely revived them in a way almost as miraculous as a Resurrection from the Dead, but been pleased to raise both them and us to a high pitch of hope, That the Lord will go on to perfect his work in us, and make it likewise at last a quiet Habitation for his People, and establish the power and purity of Religion there. The consideration whereof, and of the Goodness and Power of God in the late wonderful which he hath been pleased to give unto the Parliaments Forces there before *Dublin* (never to be forgotten) and the further progress God hath made in giving in *Drogheda*, a place of great Strength and Consecrated by a considerable number of their prime Officers and Soldiers, the particulars whereof are expressed in the Lord Lieutenants and other Letters, lately Printed; and since that, by striking Terror into the hearts of the Enemy, so as they have yielded up or deserted many other considerable Castles and Garisons, as *Dundalk*, *Carlingford*, the *Newry*, and other Places, and some other additional Victories which God hath cast in our way, not but make a deep impression on the hearts of all that fear the Lord, and provoke them to exceeding gladness and Rejoycing.

Upon consideration of all which, the Parliament out of their deep sense of so great and continued Mercies, have thought fit, as in duty to God, to set apart a day for publique and solemn Thanksgiving to the Lord, the Author of these Mercies: And they do therefore enact and Ordain, That *Thursday* the First of *November* next, be kept as a day of publique Thanksgiving to the Lord, in all the Churches and Chappels, and places of Divine Worship within this Commonwealth of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon Tyne: And that the Ministers of the respective Parishes and places aforesaid, be and hereafter are required and enjoyned to give publique notice on the Lords-day next preceding the first of *November*, of the day so to be observed, to the end the People of their several Counties may the more generally and diligently attend the publique Exercise of Gods Worship and Service, there to be dispensed upon this occasion; At which time, that the People may be particularly and fully informed of this great Victory and Successes, the said Ministers are required to publish and read this present Act. And for the better observation of the day, the Parliament doth hereby inhibit and forbid the holding or use of all Fairs, Markets, and services of mens ordinary Callings upon that day: And all Majors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables and other Officers, be and are hereby enjoyned to take especial care of the observance of the said day of Thanksgiving accordingly.

Die Fovis, 11 Octobr. 1649.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

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